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25 Claim 14. (Original) A frame assembly according to claim 13, wherein said variable length coupling co-operates with the coupling on folding of the rear and forward frame portions towards each other.

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